

think of them ; it is when they have gone out of your arms, and are living to you only by the power of the imagination, that they are the most to you. The invisible children are the realest children, the sweetest children, the truest children, the children who touch our hearts as no hands of flesh ever could touch them.

Sisters' S. C. E.

Treasurers Report of the S.S.C.E. for the Month of October

THEOLOGICAL FUND			
Reported,			\$ 14 40
Mount Zion, Va.,	S. S. C. E.		1 50
Enon, Iowa,	"		1 30
Dallas Center, Iowa,	"		1 10
New Virginia, Iowa,	"		60
Berlin, Pa.,	"		1 10
Listie,	"		1 00
Allentown,	"		88
Philadelphia,	"		3 00
Fair View,	"		1 50
Fair View, Ohio,	"		1 00
Fair Haven,	"		2 00
Williamstown	"		1 00
Dayton Mission,	"		1 00
Winchester,	"		2 60
Bryan,	"		1 30
Lathrop, Calif.,	"		1 50
Turluck,	"		1 50
Cerro Gordo, Illinois,	"		1 00
College Corners, Ind.,	"		50
Dunlaps,	"		65
Mount Union,	"		1 45
Oakville,	"		3 60
Roann,	"		67
Tiosa,	"		75
Nappanee,	"		60
New Paris,	"		50
Fair View,	"		2 50
Fair View,	"	on pledge	1 00
Loree,	"		1 00
The Mrs. Joe Cunningham and Ora Turner			
on pledge,			1 00
The Mrs. Elizabeth Miller and L. A. Kyzer			
on pledge,			1 00
Alice E. Augustine,		on pledge	1 00
To balance,			\$ 55 50

HOME MISSIONS			
Reported,			\$ 184 08
Philadelphia, Pa.,	S. S. C. E.		3 00
Allentown,	"		1 75
Fair View, Ohio	"		1 00
Bear Creek,	"		2 50
Dayton Mission,	"		30
New Paris, Ind	"		90
Nappanee,	"		60
Tiosa,	"		75
Roann,	"		67
Mount Union,	"	for Goshen	1 25
Fair View,	"	on pledge	1 00
To Treasurer of N. M. B.,			10 00
To balance,			\$ 137 81

FOREIGN MISSIONS			
Reported,			\$ 20 75
Berlin, Pa.,	S. S. C. E.		1 10
Fair View,	"		50
Dunlaps, Ind	"		20
Tiosa,	"		75
Mexico,	"		2 15
Fair View,	"	on pledge	1 00
Dayton Mission, Ohio,	"		10
To balance,			\$ 26 55

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND

Reported,			\$ 26 89
Berlin, Pa.,	S. S. C. E.		1 10
Listie,	"		1 00
Allentown,	"		87
Fair View,	"		60
Fair View, Ohio,	"		30
Williamstown,	"		1 00
Dayton Mission,	"		10
Enon, Iowa,	"		1 30
New Virginia,	"		60
Akron, Ind.,	"		2 00
Nappanee,	"		60
Tiosa,	"		75
Roann,	"		67
Dunlaps,	"		65
College Corners,	"		50
Fair View,	"		2 50
Fair View,	"		1 00
David Augustine,		on pledge,	1 00
Pennsylvania offering, per Mrs. Knepper,			50 00
To balance,			\$ 93 43
With drawn for Holsinger fund,			65
To balance,			\$ 92 78

HOLSINGER FUND			
Reported,			\$ 4 85
Roann, Ind.,	S. S. C. E.		1 00
From S. M. F.,			65
Naomi Wilson,		on pledge,	50
David Augustine, in full on pledge,			3 00
To balance,			\$ 10 00
To Brother Holsinger,			10 00

NICKOLSON FUND			
Reported,			\$ 27 70
Naomi Wilson,		on pledge,	50
To balance,			\$ 28 20
To Brother Nickolson,			5 00

SWIHART FUND			
Reported,			\$ 1 00
Roann, Ind.,	S. S. C. E.		1 00
To Brother Swihart,			1 00

DELEGATES EYES AT N. C.			
Reported,			\$ 8 75
Flora, Ind.,	S. S. C. E.		50
To balance,			\$ 9 25

ALICE E. AUGUSTINE.
R. R. 3. South Bend, Ind.

Our Young People

Growing Souls

How does the soul grow? Not all in a minute ; Now it may lose ground, and now it may win it ; Now it resolves, and again the will faileth ; Now it rejoiceth, now it bewaileth ; Now its hopes fructify, then they are blighted ; Now it walks sullenly, now gropes benighted ; Fed by discouragements, taught by disaster ; So it goes forward, now slower, now faster, Till all the pain past and failure made whole, It is full grown, and the Lord rules the soul.

—Susan Coolidge.

IF CHRIST SHOULD COME TO-MORROW

Scripture Lesson—I Thess. 5 : 1, 2, 4-8

Topic for February 10

We have to study a very important doctrine in this service. One commentator calls the doctrine, "A real pearl of Christian truth and knowledge." Its importance may also be judged by the mention and prominence given it in the scriptures. Dr. Gordon says, that the theme of Christ coming in

glory is second to none in the scripture, not even to the atonement itself.

But our subject is also a controverted one. There are two schools of interpreters between which we must choose,—Pre-millennial or Post-millennial advent. The first school of interpreters hold that the millennium will begin at the second coming of Jesus in glory, while the second school insists that the second coming of Jesus will end the millennial reign. The writer of these notes does not want to teach any thing in this department that is not scriptural and reasonable. It is only right that he should express his own convictions upon all such questions as we must deal with in this service. Let it be known then, that we stand, humbly and firmly with the first school of interpreters. We look for the second coming of Christ in glory and majesty, and power. We believe this to be the teaching of the New Testament scriptures; that, according to teachings of Neander and Harnack, it was the accepted doctrine of the church in the primitive and purest days of her history and that it is so held by the most eminent exegetes of the present day.

We ought to study this topic carefully and prayerfully. It is said that when Samuel Taylor Coleridge had finished reading Ben Ezra's "Coming of Messiah in Glory and Majesty" he wrote the following prayer :

"O Almighty God, absolute good, eternal I am ! Ground of my being, author of my existence and its ultimate end ! Mercifully cleanse my heart, enlighten my understanding and strengthen my will ; that if it be needful or furtherant to the preparation of my soul and of Thy church, for the advent of thy kingdom, that I should be led into the right belief respecting the second coming of the Son of Man into the world, the eye of my mind may be quickened into quietness and singleness of sight." Amen.

May we not also offer this prayer or a similar one before we come to the study of the topic.

We have most to do, however, with the practical import of the doctrine. But the doctrine itself must be established before it can have any practical value. That he will come is *certain* ; when he will come is *uncertain* ; the question with each of us is, are we so living that we are prepared to meet him, let him come when he may. There is no mightier stimulus to right Christian living than the hope of the second coming of Jesus. The wisdom of the uncertainty of his coming is apparent. Are we prepared and preparing to meet him ? You remember what immense and expensive preparations were made for the coming of Dewey by Boston—Chicago and New York. In some such spirit the Christian should always live. The individual and the world should always be prepared and preparing to receive Jesus in glory.

SCRIPTURE LIGHT ON THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS

I Foretold :

- 1 By Prophets, Dan. 7 : 13 and Jude 14.
- 2 By Jesus, Matt. 25 : 31 ; John 14 : 3.
- 3 By Apostles, Acts 3 : 20 ; I Tim. 6 : 14.
- 4 By Angels, Acts 1 : 10, 11.

II Time Unknown, Matt. 24 : 36 ; Mark 13 : 32.

III Is Known in the Scriptures as :—

- 1 Time of Refreshing, Acts 3 : 19.
- 2 Time of Restitution, Acts 3 : 21, with Rom. 8 : 21
- 3 Appearing of Jesus Christ, I Pet. 1 : 7, 13.
- 4 Glorious Appearance of God, Titus 2 : 13.
- 5 The Day of the Lord Jesus Christ, I Cor. 1 : 18.

IV Some Signs That Shall Precede His Coming :— Matt. 24 : 3-14 ; also II Thess. 2 : 2.

V The Manner of His Coming :—

- 1 In the Clouds, Matt. 24 : 30.
- 2 In the Glory of the Father, Matt. 16 : 27.
- 3 In His own Glory, Matt. 25 : 31.
- 4 With Power and Glory, Matt. 24 : 30.
- 5 With His Saints, I Thess. 3 : 13.
- 6 Suddenly, Mark 13 : 36.
- 7 As a Thief in the Night, I Thess. 5 : 2 ; Rev. 16 : 15.